

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
October 24, 2002
1651 E. Morten, EMS Conference Room**

Members Present: Dr. Michel Sucher (Chairman), Dr. Charles Frank Allen, Dan Judkins, Roy Ryals, Dr. Steve Thompson, Nancy Shaver, Sheri Farr Jorden, Dr. John Porter, Dr. Stuart Alt, Shelagh O'Connor, Sgt. Rich Thacher, Ingrid Bachtel, Dr. David Bank, Jim Morgan, Dr. Michael Seby, and Dr. Scott Petersen

Members Absent: Mark Tellier

Guests Present: Rose Conner, Nancy Queen, Sherry Staffen, Darlene Rodriguez, Kathleen Ruiz, Mark Venuti, Philomene Spadafore, Tracey Edwards, Tom Wachtel, Leslie Claessal, Whitney Erickson, and Carey Pleasant

BEMS Staff Present: Judi Crume, Dona Markley, Susan Nicolas, Pennie Klein, Chuck Kramer, Donna Meyer, Deb Gorombe

I. CALL TO ORDER

The chairman, Dr. Sucher called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Shelagh O'Connor to approve the minutes of June 17, 2002 meeting with no corrections. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Dr. Porter to approve the agenda for the October 24, 2002 meeting. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Rose Conner, the Assistant Director for Public Health Services, addressed the Board:

- A Director's Update was handed out
- The budget cuts have not had an impact on any of the funds in Emergency Medical Services
- Some positions have been held vacant
- There is currently a 20% vacancy factor until the end of the year
- The vacant positions will be opened on a need by need basis
- EMS is going to get one reassigned position from ALS (one support position)
- The state has been asked to hold 59 vacancies
- The dedication of the new State Hospital was held last week
- The forensic unit had 10 million dollars in renovations that are on delay at this point

- There will be approximately \$317,000.00 in funding that will be reduced for vaccine
- The Governor has accepted the Comprehensive Statewide Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Plan
 - During the administration of Governor Hull one of the top five accomplishments of the Department of Health Services is the implementation of the plan. The Director thanks all the members of STAB for their effort
 - If and when proposition 202 and 303 passes there may be additional funding to support trauma centers
 - The comments on the plan were considered, many were incorporated in update

Dr. Alt recommended getting the endorsement of the Arizona Republic for certain propositions. Rose Conner stated that she would bring this recommendation to the Director today.

IV. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. **Membership Update** – Dr. Sucher introduced the Bureau's new Assistant Attorney General, Carey Pleasant, to the Board. Drs. Sucher and Crume sent Dr. Carmona a letter congratulating him on his appointment as the United States Surgeon General. Dr. Carmona has verbally resigned from the EMS Council. He also was the chairman of SAEMS. Dr. Carmona's position has been replaced by the Co-Chairman of SAEMS.

Dr. Sucher reported that there are two vacancies on the advisory board:

- Representative from National Association of Retired Persons
- Representative from Local Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Councils – Western Region

Please send any nominations to Dr. Sucher or Dr. Crume.

- B. **EMS Rules Update** – Chapter 25 Rules Revision streamlining regulatory process is ongoing. We are currently in the informal stage of getting input from stakeholders. There will be a Rules meeting today and tomorrow at 1:00 pm. in this conference room. This is an opening meeting.

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **STAB Executive Committee** – The committee did not meet.

- B. **AZTQ Committee** – The committee approved the data elements.

- 1) **Recommendation for Trauma Registry Data Elements**

A motion was made by Dr. Porter, seconded by Dan Judkins that the data elements be approved as listed in agenda item V. B. 1 & 2.

Motion carried.

Discussion ensued whether these elements have gone through HIPPA compliance. ADHS has undergone a process of reviewing data resources for HIPPA compliance – BEMS databases were included.

2) Recommendation for Changes to Elements

There were no other changes to the data elements. The data elements were approved as listed in agenda item V. B. 1 & 2.

The AZTQ Committee has completed their goal to have the data elements organized and approved. The committee discussed what their future role would be with the passage of the system plan and its implementation.

Dr. Sucher recommended incorporating this purpose into the bylaws.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Trauma System Update – “Arizona EMS and Trauma System Development and Implementation ADHS-BEMS Status Report to STAB 10-24-02”. A handout was distributed.

- A handout was also distributed on Trauma Revenue Code Clarifications dated September 2002
- The Comprehensive EMS and Trauma System Plan is on the website
- There have been two data submission time frames. One was at the end of June 2002 and the other was September 30, 2002
- The Bureau has been awarded another CDC grant that looks at motor vehicle crashes in Indian Nations. The grant targets developing a process to bring the Indian Nation’s representatives to the table
- There are two task forces needed. One task will be involved in content of messages for public information regarding the HRSA Grant, Trauma and EMS Systems, Arizona EMS and Trauma System information in conjunction with TEPP
- Dr. Sucher recommended Dr. Porter head this task force. Please let Dr. Sucher know if you are not able to be on the task force. If there are any person(s) that would also like to be on the task force (names he did not mention). The names include: Philomene Spadofore, Dr. Bank, Nancy Shaver and Dr. Thompson
- The second task force is being put together to review of Arizona Trauma Center Designation Standards. Dr. Sucher recommended all trauma service directors. The names include: Dr. Petersen to head the task force. Dr. Porter, Dr. Wachtel, Dr. Bank, Dr. Levison, Dr. Alt, and Dr. Allen. Shelagh O’Connor nominated the Medical Director from Flagstaff named Dr. Daniel Wesche. Sheri Jordan and Mike Seby also volunteered to be on the task force

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2003 Meeting Schedule – A motion was made by Jim Morgan, seconded by Roy Ryals to approve the 2003 Meeting Schedule.

Motion carried.

- B. Bylaws** – A motion was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Sheri Farr Jorden to approve the bylaws as written for the State Trauma Advisory Board, State Trauma Advisory Board Executive Committee and the AZQT Committee.

Motion carried.

- C. Southeastern Regional Trauma Update** – Due to financial constraints TMC may be getting out of the trauma business. Depending on the passing of the propositions this may or may not change. The triage protocol was changed to have centralized control. Currently, UMC is determining whether a patient is redirected to one of the community hospitals based upon their assessment of the severity of injuries to the patient as obtained by dual radio patch. If UMC is not capacity limited than EMS just calls UMC and takes them to UMC. If UMC is capacity limited they call the closest hospital that is open. UMC decides how sick that person is over the radio. There was a trial done in August. 41% of the time UMC was capacity limited and on caution. UMC was able to handle the load due to increased staffing of nurses and physicians. The second trial will be in November. The focus of the second trial is to get the community more accustomed to receiving these lower level patients. The dual patch lets the other hospital hear the report.

Dona Markley thanked Dr. Porter on behalf of the Bureau for all the hard work and effort that have gone into this project.

- D. Initial Trauma Center Designation Process** – Dr. Porter distributed “Arizona Trauma Center Designation Proposal”.

A motion was made by Dr. Porter, seconded by Dr. Alt to accept the proposal as written in concept and forward this to the Director.

Motion carried.

Sheri Farr Jorden asked this be reported on in more details at future meetings.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Rose Conner wanted the committee to know about the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile Drill. Which will happen in Tucson on November 20 – 23, 2002. The Tucson Metropolitan Medical Response System, Pima County Health Department, Maricopa Medical Center and Tucson Partnership of all the hospitals will be participating. Catherine Eden is planning to attend and potentially the Governor will be attending. The Pima County Health Department will be initiating a distribution site. They will be distributing simulated antibiotics to 1,000 individuals. The Mesa County and Maricopa Health County will be immunizing high school students with tetanus as a drill. There is a requirement now for the State Hospital to submit the statewide smallpox immunization plan. This plan needs to be submitted to the Health and Human Services Department by December 1, 2002 for a statewide immunization within three to five days.

IX. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next EMS Odyssey Conference will be held on June 19-20, 2003.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held January 23, 2003.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by STAB on 1/23/03